

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification to read as follows:

Page 1, amend the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 to read as follows:

~~The features of the preamble of claim 1 are known from DE 39 273 85 A1.~~ The DE 39 273 85 A1 welt is for seams on upholstery material comprising a plastic core and a ribbon-shaped mesh fabric folded around the core connected on the internal side with an external decorative liner. The core comprises a weldable plastic. Protruding laterally from the core is a one-piece rod made of the same plastic that protrudes over the mesh fabric and hereby permits welding to the upholstery material.

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Page 3, delete the second and fourth paragraphs in their entirety making reference to specific claims.